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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
RENZO BIGNAZZI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, T. M.  
SERIAL NO: 09/851,131 :  
FILED: MAY 9, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1764  
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION :  
OF 2,6-DIMETHYLNAPHTHALENE  
FROM MIXTURES CONTAINING IT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application **and the finality of the Office Action**, in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of named coinventor Renzo Bignazzi (Bignazzi Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.